WHEREAS, Our Nation's freedom was born in the families that formed our Thirteen Colonies; and,

WHEREAS, The family is the birthplace of order, justice and faith; and,

WHEREAS, Harmony will return to our land when families have practiced tolerance, patience, understanding, and affection to their own and to others; and,

WHEREAS, History is never more clear than in its evidence that honorable family devotion to love, faith, duty and industry have forever been the first earthly foundation for noble and spiritually great societies; and,

WHEREAS, In this Nation--history's most dramatic example of the extension of family values to the total pattern of existence--we are suffering from American neglect of these standards:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 21, 1977, as

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in South Dakota, and do urge all citizens of this State to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Third Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HEGSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE